(b) whether it is a fact that delay in taking a decision is harming the industry; and

(c) if so, the facts and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The resultant delay is in view of Government's desire to launch successfully the programme of modernisation/expansion of Indian Iron and Steel Co. Ltd.

Heavy Stock of coke in Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

616. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant has been carrying heavy stock of the coke produced out of imported coal involving huge foreign exchange;

(b) if so, what are the quantity-wise details of foundry grade coke, nut coke and Braaze coke;

(c) whether it is a fact that instead of sale of public sector undertakings the coke is being sold in the open market at lower cost than its cost of production;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof;

(e) why this much of coke was produced with imported coal if it was not required;

(f) whether it is a fact that on making lower rate of payment of bridge coke, the nut coke is being sold through some middle man; and

(g) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Foundry Grade Coke is not produced at Visakhapatnam Steel plant. The stock as on 1.4.1993 of Blast Furnace Hard coke was 25,000 onnes only. The stocks of Nut Coke and Breeze Coke were 20,000 tonnes and 33,000 tonnes respectively.

(c) to (g) Coke Battery-1 was commissioned six months prior to the commissioning of Blast Furnace-1 and two batteries were in operation for single blast furnace operation. Since optimum levels of coke oven pushing had to be maintained for the health of the batteries and also to meet the requirement of coke oven gas in different units of the plant, surplus coke was generated which has resulted in a stock build up of 92,000 tonnes as on 1.4.1992. 6,731 tonnes of BF Hard Coke was sold to Tata Iron and Steel Co., 6,815 tonnes to Kalinga Iron Works and balance to Bokaro Steel Plant during 1992-93. Nut coke was sold to Kalinga Iron Works and Sandhur Manganese who are direct users. Substantial quantities of coke breeze was sold to Hindustan Zinc Ltd. As no other Public Sector Undertaking requires coke breeze or coke dust, these are being sold directly to the users. The selling price of coke is higher than the works cost which includes materials and operating cost.

Lack of civic amenities in Kondly, Delhi

617. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Pocket A-1/DDA flats, Kondli's civic amenities were withdrawn following the handling over the pocket to MCD in December, 1992 along with other DDA colonies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that since than despite various represen-

tation the Civil amenities have not been restored by MCD;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for delay in restoring the civic amenities in Kondli stating the steps contemplated by Government for expenditious restoration of the civic amenities;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted to know the areas/colonies brought up by DDA which are lacking civic amenitiesffi and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Supply of water in Lodhi Colony, Delhi

618. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the residents of Block No. 23, Lodhi Colony are not supplied the same quantity of water which is being supplied to other blocks of the areas; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps are being taken to supply the improved quality of water to the residents of Block No. 23 of Lodhi Colony, Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) As reported by the New Delhi Municipal Committee, the underground distribution net work is interconnected for equitable distribution of water at adequate pressure. As such, the quantity of water being supplied to different pockets/blocks cannot be segregated and quantified. Dwelling units are provided with water meters. However, block No. 23 being situated at a higher level, the supply of water is supplemented through a tubewell be counter head losses.

(b) The New Delhi Municipal Committee has reported that the C.I. distribution sysem has encrustated and proposal for its replacement is envisaged.

Water supply to West Sagarpur, Delhi

619. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the residents of the G, H and I Blocks of West Sagarpur, New Delhi have deposited an amount of Rs. 2,77,000 on 26th February, 1992 in advance whereas it was to deposit Rs. 1,99,528 for the water scheme to these blocks;

(c) if so, whether the scheme has been implemented so far;

(c) if the answer to (b) above be in negative, whether the residents of these blocks are going to get water supply from the newly completed tube well near the vicinity of I and J blocks; and

(d) if so, by when the regular water supply to these blocks would start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCE (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.